

House Resolution No. 4604

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State couples who have admirably demonstrated the strength, depth, and vitality of their love through the longevity of their marital vows; and

Whereas, sixty-five years ago Sam Vinyard took the lovely hand of his beautiful bride, the former Marie Niswonger, as the two pledged their troth during a solemn wedding ceremony that was performed on July 18, 1942, at First Baptist Church in Saint Louis with the Reverend Floyd V. Sams officiating, Mrs. Sams providing nuptial music, and Elizabeth and Hassel R. Looney serving as attendants; and

Whereas, six and one-half decades later Sam and Marie Vinyard of Jackson observed their Sixty-fifth Wedding Anniversary with a festive gathering of family members on July 18, 2007; and

Whereas, the marital union of Sam and Marie Vinyard has been richly blessed with the love and affection of their children, Wayne and Nina Vinyard, Max and Gayle Vinyard, and Mary and David Wright; grandchildren, Bob, Stephen, Andrew, Jonathan, Tom, Joy, Ivy, and Katy; and great-grandsons, Sterling, Brandon, Skyler, and Ryan; and

Whereas, Sam and Marie Vinyard used the occasion of their Sixty-fifth Wedding Anniversary to reflect on the many changes that have occurred in their lives, in society, and around the world since the blessed day they became husband and wife; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives pauses in its diverse daily activities in order to recognize such stellar citizens as Sam and Marie Vinyard during momentous times in their lives:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive marriage engaged in by Sam and Marie Vinyard and to convey to them this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our best wishes as they celebrate their Sixty-fifth Wedding Anniversary; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Sam and Marie Vinyard of Jackson, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Scott A. Lipke
District No. 157

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4604, adopted August 30, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker